

Since the advent of la grippe, antipyrine, the magic bi-product of coal tar has arisen into sudden and high esteem among physicians and druggists, and it is said that many who seek a physician for something for the headache will in nine cases out of ten, be offered antipyrine, and during the prevalence of the influenza the demand for it seems to exceed the supply. Dr. Smith of Cincinnati recently took a ten-grain dose of it for headache. It almost immediately relieved the pain, but the next day he was seized with vertigo and faintness. It returned several times during the day, each time with more severity, and later his tongue was affected and he was unable to speak. Next morning he was found in a piteable condition, utterly helpless, the right side of his face hung down and his tongue hung helpless and speechless in his mouth. He was taken to a physician and every attention given him, and soon began to recover and is now entirely over the effects of the medicine. The Commercial reports him as saying: "I would rather trust myself to la grippe any time than to antipyrine." There are other similar cases reported, one of a young man whose lower limbs were paralyzed for a time.

The Death of Henry Allen in California—A Forty-Niner.

Henry Allen, who recently died in California, was once a resident of Toledo, and went to California in the first day of the great exodus to the land of the Eldorado. Out of the party which went with him to the Pacific, the only Toledo man who survives, is John G. Norton, now superintendent of stamp mills in California, owned by Toledo parties.

Henry Allen's father was Seneca Allen, one of the most prominent of the pioneers of the Maumee valley, having come here from Detroit in 1816, and opened a small store at Roche du Pont, now Waterville, Lucas county. In 1818 he removed to "Orleans of the North," an embryo town on the Maumee river below Fort Meigs and opposite Maumee. He there was justice of the peace, that locality then being in Logan county.

In 1824 he purchased, for \$480, 100 acres of land, now in the heart of Toledo, on which are located the Court-house and High school building, but he was not able to hold it. He was a civil engineer, and laid out a large portion of the original plat of Toledo. In 1824-25 he taught the first school in Toledo. With his family, he removed to Monroe, Mich., in 1827, where he died of cholera in 1834. He was a man of high character. His wife, Mrs. Fannie L. Allen, a woman of remarkable worth, died in Cleveland in 1875, aged 82. They have twelve children, including beside Hiram, Mrs. Hamilton Colton, of Milan, O.; Mrs. J. W. Keith and Mr. George B. Truman, of Detroit; and Mrs. George H. Standard and Mrs. J. H. Blin, of Cleveland. Mrs. Allen was the elder sister of Mrs. Carlos Colton, of this city.—Commercial.

A GOOSE-BONE FORECAST.

The Winter to be Regular, but Not Severe—An Early Spring.

A dispatch from New Haven, Conn., to the New York Times says that Henry Stillman, of Woodstock, Windham county's weather prophet, has made his annual forecast of winter by a goose bone. He says the bone shows clearly that we will have an open winter.

The goose bone is accepted by many Windham county people as a better authority than Wiggins or De Voe or even old David A. Daboll, the Connecticut almanac-maker. In many farm-houses it will be found hanging in the hall where it is frequently examined.

The true prophetic bone, it is said, can only be obtained from a goose that has a trace of wild blood and that was hatched out in the spring.

A bone taken from a goose hatched in May by Mr. Stillman shows a row of dots around the keel of it indicating the probable temperature. The darker these spots are the colder the weather is sure to be. It is asserted that the marks dividing the bone indicate the three winter months, December beginning at the front.

Mr. Stillman says he has read the lore closely, and finds that it indicates more regular weather than last year, and not so severe as even the last mild winter. There will not be many days during which running water will freeze. The coldest weather will occur during the latter half of January, and during that time there will be several days of freezing.

Near the point of the bone is a marked discoloration, showing that the first day of winter will give proof of the season's change. Christmas will be "green" but wet and cold.

January's entrances will be marked with warm days, growing gradually colder. The coldest day of winter will be January 27. The brief spell of severe weather will be succeeded by heavy thaws, and the traditional January thaw will come in February. This month will be a disagreeable one, with heavy snows and rains. An early and decided thaw is among the promises of the bone. February will burst into March with swollen rivers and streams, and disastrous floods.

You will find it on the News Stands To-Day.

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SOME OF THE YEAR'S GAINS.

The Union Signal makes the following summary of legislative enactments in behalf of women and children during the past year:

Alabama has increased the appropriations for public schools; Wisconsin makes attendance at schools compulsory between the ages of seven and fourteen, and forbids employment of children under thirteen in stores, shops, or factories.

California established a Boys' and Girls' Reform School, and a school of industry for boys under eighteen found guilty of offenses punishable with fine or imprisonment. Heretofore they have been sent to the jails or penitentiary in company with hardened criminals. An equally important measure provides for the appointment of police matrons in all cities of 30,000 or over. Another law was passed requiring employers to provide seats for female clerks when not waiting upon customers.

California and Montana have raised the "age of consent" from ten to fourteen years; New Jersey, from ten to sixteen. Under the new protective laws of Pennsylvania, brothels have been almost entirely cleared of young girls, and several villains are at hard labor in the penitentiaries for violations. Equally good results are anticipated in Illinois, where the penalty "for allowing an unmarried female under eighteen years of age to live in a house of prostitution," is from one to five years in the penitentiary. It will be observed that the question of "previous chaste character" is not raised in this enactment. That omission gives the law its teeth. It has proved well-nigh impossible to fix crime upon the offender when it became necessary to establish the previous chastity of young women. The correct and reasonable assumption is that the girl who has sold herself, before the age at which she could legally sell her poodle, has been the victim of fraud.

Tennessee has made the seduction of a girl under sixteen a felony. Wisconsin has increased penalties for abduction of women and girls, and enacted a much needed safeguard to the young when it forbade the presence of minors in the court room during trials in which facts of an obscene nature are likely to be related. Illinois attached a \$500 fine and imprisonment at the court's discretion for giving or selling to minors any publication "principally devoted to accounts of criminal actions, or pictures and stories of deeds of bloodshed, crime or lust." Employment of a child to sell such publications is also accounted violation of the law. Oregon appropriated \$5,000 per year for two years to the establishment and maintenance of a home for "fallen women and girls who desire to escape a life of shame, and with health permitting them to engage in honest toil and become self-supporting."

An appropriation of \$25,000 was

made in Kansas for an industrial school for girls, to be wholly controlled by women. The method of securing this from a legislature whose hobby was economy, is an object-lesson worthy of notice. In the previous session doubt was expressed as to there being in Kansas a class of girls demanding such an institution. To demonstrate the need, the W. C. T. U. opened a temporary school of the sort desired. Thirty-one "incorrigible girls" were not hard to find, even in Kansas. These were placed in charge of a matron and two assistants. When the legislative session opened, the members of the Assembly were invited to inspect the school in practical operation. They were convinced, and the outcome was the above appropriation.

In Oregon every benevolent organization is authorized to "receive, control and dispose of any minor child" whose father is a criminal or an habitual drunkard, and whose mother is an habitual drunkard or inmate of a house of ill-fame, or otherwise notoriously bad. Corresponding authority is given in cases of gross abuse of children on the part of parents or guardians.

Michigan women received school suffrage in time to vote at the spring elections. The immediate effect was to prevent boards of registration from being located in the saloons, and to produce unusual order and quiet at the polls. A woman was elected on the school board. Municipal suffrage lacked but three votes of victory in California. A bill giving school suffrage to women owning real estate, was introduced into the Delaware Legislature, and became a law. The franchise for women has never seemed so near as now. Five new States have deemed it an issue worthy of consideration by their constitution-makers, and Wyoming has decreed that her constitution shall be confirmed or rejected by the whole people.



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